



# Congregation Dorshei Tzedek

A Jewish Reconstructionist Community

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## Synagogue and “Organizing”

by Rabbi Shahar Colt



**AS A HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENT** in my synagogue youth group, I was contacted by a community organizer

who worked with the synagogue. She was working with the social action committee, and she wanted to see what the youth were up to. We sat on a couch, and talked about my role and social action projects and her role as synagogue organizer.

I enjoyed the conversation and I understood it to be about social justice work, but I couldn't understand why she kept talking about being organized. I mean, I was a relatively organized person, and that was helpful in various ways...but was keeping my paperwork organized really that relevant to *tikkun olam*? It took me several more years and relationships with more organizers and campaigns to understand that community organizing is a discipline of its own, a whole approach to social change based on building relationships between community members ready to act around shared issues.

Last spring, when **Alan Epstein** was looking for someone from Dorshei to join a Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) liaison group, I was willing, because I was impressed by GBIO's wins—and curious enough to want to see close up how GBIO did



Several groups of CDers joined a lively **Black Lives Matter** demonstration in December, 2014. Photo by Barry Ingber.

it. But aside from my personal curiosity, I started to attend these meetings thinking about my role as Director of Congregational Learning (DCL).

In general, I understand my role as DCL broadly, in terms of how learning can enrich the lives

of congregants in all the diverse ways that people connect to synagogue life. This obviously includes my work with the religious school, but beyond that, as I attend the *tikkun olam* committee meetings, I ask myself, “Where and how could Jewish learning enrich this work?” And, “Where and how can I support the work of the committee?”

To be clear, I am always astounded and inspired by the immense energy behind, dedication to, and diversity of the initiatives. So I approached the liaison meetings with curiosity: *What could I learn there that would be useful to the conversations and efforts at Dorshei?*

First, the GBIO liaison meetings have helped me understand what GBIO strategy teams are hoping for from the congregations, how strategy is a moving target, how other congregations are approaching the work, and where I need to have more compassion for human faults at play in a complex project.

Also, again and again, the GBIO has raised this question in different ways: What does an organized synagogue community look like? Membership as a congregation in GBIO assumes that there are efforts to “organize” as a synagogue—but who makes this commitment? And what does it mean for

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members of Dorshei Tzedek, some of whom have been involved with GBIO for years, others never? These aren't questions one person can answer alone.

sharing aspects of community organizing and how these concepts play out in real life. We engaged in online conversations, as well as in-person meetings, thinking and

## ... the GBIO has raised this question in different ways: *What does an organized synagogue community look like?*

With these questions in mind, when I heard about JOIN for Justice's online course, "Don't Kvetch, Organize!" I was intrigued. This class examined different ways in which community organizing has been used to build a more just world for all and provided examples and structures to guide thinking about how to be effective agents of social change. I thought there might be people in the Dorshei community who were interested in delving deeper into an organizing training course, thinking together about how we each are approaching our tikkun olam work by developing shared language and skills. I shared the class information with the T.O. committee.



CDT members at a GBIO gathering in May, 2016. Photo by Cindy Shulak-Rome.

**Louise Enoch, Abby Cohen, Paul Hattis, and Amy Mazur** joined me in taking the class. Each week we watched a series of videos of expert organizers

questioning how these topics apply to the diverse contexts we care about, including Dorshei's economic diversity committee, GBIO's health care work, the rights of domestic workers, and anti-racism activism in Watertown.

When the five Dorshei members came together to meet in person, we shared our perspectives on the class and the questions it was raising for us. Each of us was responding to different parts of the course material and applying it to different circumstances. However, I was struck that our conversation circled around themes of leadership, voice, expertise, and power. Can we be leaders with no particular expertise as organizers? How do personal power and networks relate to leadership and who gets to talk?

As I write this, we are just finishing the course and looking forward to meeting again as a small group. I look forward to seeing where our conversations will lead us, and how we might bring our learnings into the broader conversations both at Dorshei Tzedek and our personal

projects. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in learning more about the GBIO liaison group, Dorshei's involvement with GBIO, or JOIN's "Don't Kvetch, Organize" class, please be in touch!

## Rabbinic Liaison Committee

The Rabbinic Liaison Committee exists to ensure the maintenance of a good working relationship between our rabbi and the congregation. While congregants are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with Rabbi Toba, they may at times feel more comfortable talking to the Rabbinic Liaison committee. Issues raised by congregants are discussed confidentially and, when appropriate, are shared with the Rabbi in a constructive manner. To discuss a question or concern, contact **Cindy Shulak-Rome**, Rabbinic Liaison Chair at [cbsrome@comcast.net](mailto:cbsrome@comcast.net).

## CDT

Dorshei Tzedek is a Reconstructionist Congregation dedicated to creating a caring and inclusive community, and to enhancing Jewish practice and learning in the lives of our members.

## Staff & Board

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## Newsletter

The CDT Newsletter is published monthly with a July-August summer issue. Email articles, events, and photos to [dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:dtnews@dorsheitzedek.org). Usually the deadline is the 10th of the month for the following month's issue. For questions, email us at the same address.

**Volunteer Staff:** John Holohan (chair), Josette Akresh-Gonzales, Barry Ingber, Barbara Pittel, DB Reiff, Vivienne Shein (photographer), Amy Westebbe.

# Shabbat and Holidays

## ALL-AGES EREV SHABBAT SERVICE

*Fridays, January 5, February 9, March 9*  
6:00 pm, candle lighting and potluck dinner;  
6:45 pm, service

Join us for this fun, musical, all-ages celebration of Shabbat! We begin with candle-lighting and the Shabbat blessings at 6:00 pm, followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner (please bring a main dish or salad, enough for 10-15 people; drinks and dessert provided). Services begin at 6:45 pm, and we end with an Oneg Shabbat at 7:30 pm.

## SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

*with Rabbi Toba Spitzer*

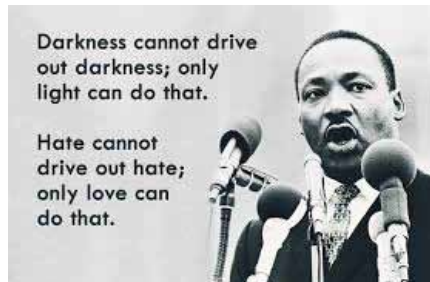
*Saturdays, January 6, Feb 10, March 10*  
8:45-9:40 am, Library

All are welcome to explore the weekly Torah portion, with commentaries both traditional and modern. No text study experience necessary! Bring your own caffeinated beverage.

## MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BIRTHDAY “GOT SHABBAT?”

*Saturday, January 13, 9:45 am-noon*

“Got Shabbat?” is an opportunity for the whole community to gather and have fun, learn together



and explore new ways to celebrate Shabbat.

In January, we will be celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King,

Jr. and exploring his legacy. We'll begin with songs and blessings, highlighting the music of the Civil Rights Movement. Adults and kids are then invited to choose from a panoply of activities until we gather again to read Torah and close the morning together.

## EREV SHABBAT SHIRA DINNER & MUSICAL KABBALAT SHABBAT

*Friday evening, January 26*  
6:30 pm Candle-lighting and dinner  
8:00 pm Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

“Shabbat Shira”—the “Shabbat of Song”—features the reading of the Song of the Sea in the book of Exodus, and has become a Shabbat to celebrate music and its liberating power. Back by popular demand, the evening will begin with a catered dairy dinner (vegetarian and fish, from our favorite CDT caterer, Kim Cox) followed by a musical Kabbalat Shabbat service led by Rabbi Toba and CDT musicians.

If you would like to attend the dinner, pre-registration is required. The link can be found in the Members' Section of the CDT website; please sign up by January 12. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person; kids are half-price, gluten- and dairy-free options are available, and please contact Rabbi Toba if finances are an obstacle to participation—all who wish to attend will be able to!



## TU B'SHEVAT SEDER

*Tuesday evening, January 30, 7:30-9:00 pm*  
FUSN, 1326 Washington Street, West Newton

The holiday of Tu B'shevat, the “new year of the trees,” is a time to celebrate the natural world and the diversity and abundance of the earth's resources. The holiday took on new meanings



among the mystics of Sefat in the 16th century who inaugurated a Tu B'shevat seder focusing on the cosmic “tree of life,” represented by eating fruits with special intentions and teachings.

Adults and teens are invited to our own Tu B'shevat seder, as we explore mystical meanings, environmental connections, and more. For a potluck nosh, you are invited to bring something that includes any one (or more!) of the Biblical “seven species”

of the land of Israel that are also associated with this holiday: figs, dates, olives, barley, wheat, pomegranates, and grapes.

Unless noted otherwise, all Shabbat programs are held at the Dorshei Tzedek prayer space: 60 Highland Street in The Second Church of Newton, West Newton. Shabbat morning services are held weekly, starting at 9:45 am. Free childcare is available during Shabbat morning services in rooms 109-110. For the comfort and health of our members and guests, we ask everyone attending our services to avoid wearing fragrances (perfume, cologne, hair and body sprays).

# Community & Events

## TODAH RABBAH

A huge “Todah Rabah” to everyone who helped make the Chanukah party such a success: Our staff—**Rabbi Shahar Colt**, **Marla Lichtman**, and **Lidia Prunte**, for overall organization and support; to our workshop leaders—**Vered Brooks**, **Bayla Kamens**, **Tal Shalom-Kobi**, **Andy Stefano**, **Josh Komyerov**, **Sheryl Koenigsburg**, **Rabbi Shahar**, **Lidia** and special guest **Lindsay Popper**; to **Rabbi Toba** and **Melanie Blatt** for the music, and to the fabulous Latke Crew: **Margo Michaels**, **Doug Hersh**, and **Jacob Weinberg**. Thank you!

Todah Rabah to everyone who helped with kiddush in November and December: **Amy Brodesky & Rex Flynn**; **Ora Grodsky & Jonathan Rosenthal**, **Allison Hausman & Ezra Hausman**, **Tom Brown**, **Jane Schwartz & Tracey Rogers**, **Beth & Jeff Green**—*in memory of Eitan Green*, **Marjorie Salvodon & Mark Schafer**, **Rob Saper**, **Melanie Adler & Andy Cohen**, **Lisa Goodman & Bill Weinreb**, **Beth Brooks**, **Sami O'Reilly**, **Andrew Garnett-Cook**, **Max Roberts**, **Idit Klein**, **Judy & Chayim Herzig-Marx**, **Jacqui Bloomberg**, **Linette Liebling**—*in memory of Zelda and Joel Liebling*.

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new member **Laura Greenly**! Laura is the daughter of **Rob** (CDT board member) & **Ricky Greenly** and grew up in the Dorshei Tzedek community.

## CDT FILM CLUB

*Saturday, January 6*

*6:00 pm, potluck; 7:00 pm, movie followed by group discussion*

*Home of Tal Shalom-Kobi and Hayim Kobi*

*Women's Balcony (2017, 1h 36min, Hebrew)*

As an Orthodox Jewish community in Jerusalem is celebrating the bar mitzvah of one of its members, the balcony that holds the women collapses. When an ultra-conservative new rabbi takes charge of the repairs, he incites a gender war in the process. —*Netflix*

Potluck at 6:00 pm, movie starts at 7:00 pm to be followed by a group discussion. Feel free to attend any part of the evening. If you're coming to the potluck, please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share (in consideration of members with dietary constraints, if you are making a dish with dairy or wheat that can be added later, e.g., salad with cheese or croutons, please keep separate). Due to space constraints, this event is for members and their families.

We hope you can join us! Contact the co-chairs, **Stan Fleischman** and **Emily Sper**, [film-club@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:film-club@dorsheitzedek.org), for more information or if you'd like to host a film.

Please notify the Newsletter of life cycle events, significant accomplishments, or other moments you would like to share with the community. (See page 2 for details.)

## CDT COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNERS

*Friday-Saturday, January 19-20*

The second round of CDT community potluck dinners will be held on the weekend of January 19-20. Join old friends and meet new people and eat good food! Thank you to CDT members who are hosting dinners in Watertown, Brighton, and various locations in Newton. Sign-ups begin the first week of January—go to the “sign up” page in the Members section of the CDT website. Please contact **Debby Saltzman** ([debbysaltzman@gmail.com](mailto:debbysaltzman@gmail.com)) with any questions or to volunteer to host future potluck dinners in your home.

## Nediv Lev

We gratefully acknowledge the following contributions.

### GENERAL FUND

Karen Arnold—*in memory of Robert H. Levine*

Beth Brooks—*in memory of Leon and Esther Brooks*

Sue Fischlowitz and David Roberts

Lauren Gibbs—*in memory of Mara*

Phyllis Kantor—*in memory of Sylvia Waltzer*

Steffi and Eric Karp

Amy Mazur—*in memory of my mom, Rhoda Mazur*

Shirley Milgrom—*in memory of my dear father, Louis Milgrom*

Elaine Pollack

Theresa St. John-Siegel and Steve Siegel—*in loving memory of Charles St. John*

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*Leah Diskin—with gratitude*

### SCHOOL FUND

### RETREAT FUND

### HOLY BOOKS FUND

### JILL VOLK TEACHER DEVELOPMENT FUND

### BUILDING FUND

There are many ways to financially support Congregation Dorshei Tzedek, including contributions to the General Fund or to targeted funds. The Rabbi's Discretionary Fund is not part of the congregation's operating expenses. Monies in this fund are used for *tzedakah* in the greater community, for special needs of the congregation (e.g., to buy books or help pay for an adult education program), and, most important, to help out congregants in need. The Jill Volk Teacher Development Fund provides scholarships for teachers in the Dorshei Tzedek religious school to receive professional development and training. Jill was one of the founders of our school and one of its first teachers; this fund allows her love of Jewish learning to continue to enrich our community.

# Learning

## NEW AVIVA ZORNBERG READING GROUP: *THE BEGINNING OF DESIRE: REFLECTIONS ON GENESIS*

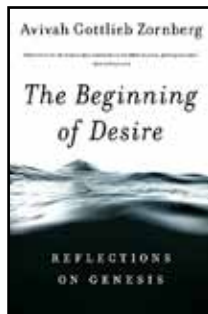
with Rabbi Shahar Colt

Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, starting January 9  
60 Highland Street, Library

Inspired by interest in Aviva Zornberg's writing in a Shabbat morning text study this fall, this reading group will work together through five chapters of Zornberg's first book, *The Beginning of Desire*. Zornberg's book offers an intellectually stimulating and personally uplifting exploration of Genesis, breathing new life into the stories of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Esau, Rachel, and Joseph. Zornberg brings biblical, midrashic, and literary sources together, weaving them into a seamless tapestry and illuminating the tensions that grip human beings as they search for and encounter God.

We will meet twice a month, from January through May (and maybe beyond, if people are interested in continuing.) Each chapter (about 20-30 pages) is dedicated to one Torah portion. Since Zornberg's writing is dense and deep, we will focus on one Torah portion each month, spending two meetings on each chapter of her book. Participants are encouraged to read the relevant Torah portion before the meetings. At each meeting **Rabbi Shahar** will give an overview of the story and provide copies of the source texts to facilitate reading specific sections of the chapter. (Reading Zornberg ahead of time is not required.)

Dates: January 9 & 23 (*Bereishit*, Ch. 1), February 13 & 27,  
March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 1 & 15.



## Religious School Notes

### NITZANIM/GAN PAJAMA HAVDALLAH!

Saturday, January 6, 6-7:00 pm  
60 Highland Street

We will look for the stars that mark the end of shabbat, read a story, and sing the Havdallah prayers together. Everyone is encouraged (or at least the children!) to come in their PJs and bring a blanket and/or favorite snuggly item for snuggling during story time. We'll provide cocoa and a snack (no dinner), then send everyone home in time for bedtime. All siblings are welcome.

### TALKING TO CHILDREN ABOUT RACE: WHY AND HOW?

with Mike Feldstein, Newton Public Schools teacher  
Sunday, January 21, 10:15-11:45am

JCDS, 57 Stanley Ave, Watertown

by Jennifer Sartori

In this historical moment, race is—or should be—on all of our minds. Yet many white parents and educators shy away from talking to children about race, especially when the children are young. Some white parents hope to raise their children to be “colorblind,” i.e. not to notice race but rather to focus on “what’s inside.” Others believe that children should be allowed a period of innocence before they need to be aware of the ugliness of racism. Still others think it isn’t necessary to talk explicitly about race, as long as they are modeling non-racist behavior.

Research shows, though, that not only do children notice racial differences in appearance, they also learn at a very young age to assign meaning to those differences and to associate positive and negative characteristics with different races. Avoiding talking about race with your children doesn’t teach them that race doesn’t matter, but rather leaves them to learn about race from the deeply racist institutions that surround us.

That white parents and others who work with children often sidestep discussions about race isn’t surprising, because many of us have little experience engaging this difficult subject and we’re scared of saying the wrong thing. Join us on January 21, 10:15-11:45 at JCDS, for a forum with teacher Mike Feldstein (who is also the husband of our own Amy Mazur). Michael will offer guidance and resources for helping raise sensitive, aware, and anti-racist children. The session will:

- Allow reflection of your own experiences around issues of race and racism
- Demonstrate the importance of early conversations with children on race
- Provide “how-to” help for guiding children and answering challenging questions
- Highlight resources available to help parents and families navigate the issues

All are welcome--you don't need to be a parent to attend.

# Tikkun Olam

## SAVE THE DATE: TIKKUN OLAM MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 7:30-9:00 pm  
60 Highland Street, Library

One of Dorshei Tzedek's Core Values is that of Tikkun Olam, Repairing the World. Our congregation's name means “seekers of justice,” and, as that name implies, we strive to create a just and kind world by pursuing a variety of social action initiatives and projects both within our congregation and in conjunction with the broader community. We view such actions to end injustice and oppression as core to our spiritual journey and as a cornerstone of our ethical and moral tradition. At our meeting, all are welcome to come and find out what the various committees have been doing as well as bring your own ideas and questions.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to contact Abby Cohen at [abby.cohen@verizon.net](mailto:abby.cohen@verizon.net).

# CDT Calendar

# January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						December 30 <b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am-12pm
UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE, ALL SHABBAT PROGRAMS ARE HELD AT THE DORSHEI TZEDEK PRAYER SPACE: 60 HIGHLAND STREET IN THE SECOND CHURCH OF NEWTON, WEST NEWTON.						
December 31	January 1	2	3	4	5	6
				<b>Mindful Mornings</b> 8:30-9:15am Library <b>Space Committee</b> 60 Highland Street, Living Room 7-9pm <b>Understanding Racism Meeting</b> 60 Highland Street, Room 111 7-9pm	<b>All-Ages Erev Shabbat Service/Potluck</b> 6pm <b>Shabbat Morning Torah Study with Rabbi Toba Spitzer</b> 8:45-9:40am <b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am-12pm <b>Havdallah Service for Nitzanim/Gan Families</b> 60 Highland Street, Library 6-7pm <b>CDT Film Club: Women's Balcony</b> Home of Tal Shalom-Kobi & Hayim Kobi Potluck at 6pm, Movie/Discussion at 7pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Religious School (Gr. 1-7)</b> JCDS 9:30am-12pm		<b>Religious School (Gr. 3-6)</b> FUSN 3:45-5:45pm <b>Zornberg Reading Group</b> 60 Highland Street, Library 7:30-9pm	<b>CEC Meeting</b> FUSN: Alliance Room 7:30pm	<b>Mindful Mornings</b> 8:30-9:15am Library <b>Understanding Racism Meeting</b> 60 Highland Street, Room 111 7-9pm		<b>Got Shabbat? (Including Tot Shabbat)</b> <b>MLK-Themed Morning Service</b> 9:45am-12pm <b>CDT Sings Rehearsal</b> Living Room 12:45-2:30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Religious School Nitzanim/Gan - Gr. 7</b> JCDS 9:30am-12pm <b>Talking to Children About Race: Why and How? with Mike Feldstein</b> JCDS 10:15-11:45am		<b>Religious School (Gr. 3-6)</b> FUSN 3:45-5:45pm <b>Zornberg Reading Group</b> 60 Highland Street, Library 7:30-9pm	<b>Tikkun Olam Meeting</b> 60 Highland Street, Library 7:30-9pm	<b>Mindful Mornings</b> 8:30-9:15am Library	<b>Erev Shabbat Shira Dinner and Service</b> 60 Highland Street 6:45-10pm	<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am-12pm
28	29	30	31	February 1	2	3
<b>Religious School (Gr. 1-7)</b> JCDS 9:30am-12pm		<b>Religious School (Gr. 3-6)</b> FUSN 3:45-5:45pm <b>Tu B'shevat Seder</b> FUSN, Headstart Room 7:30-9pm		<b>Mindful Mornings</b> 8:30-9:15am Library		<b>Shabbat Morning Service</b> 9:45am-12pm

# Chesed

## Chesed is...



Congregation Dorshei Tzedek values Chesed, acts of loving-kindness, especially when members have a major life event such as the arrival of a child, death, injury or illness.

The Chesed Committee coordinates tasks such as meals, grocery shopping, and transportation to a medical appointment. We post Chesed tasks online on the LotsaHelpingHands (LHH) calendar. We encourage emails or phone calls between the volunteers and recipient families to confirm arrangements.

Sign up for LHH at: <http://tinyurl.com/SignUpLHH>.

Forgot your LHH password? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/GetPsWrdLHH>.

## KIDDUSH ASSIGNMENTS

**JAN 5** All-ages Erev Shabbat Service & Potluck: Valerie Graf / Reinhard Engels / Jennifer Greenberg / Liz Reisberg (captain)

**JAN 6** Shabbat Morning Service: Tessa Goldsmith / Corinne Lofchie / Chagit Steiner (captain) / Lisa Schneier

**JAN 13** "Got Shabbat?" MLK Morning Service: Alice Markowitz & Rick Glassman / Barry Ingber (captain) / Rebecca Byard / Lisa Goodwin Robbins / Miriam Bronstein / Phoebe Cushman

**JAN 20** Shabbat Morning Service: Sharon Sevransky—in memory of Betty Baum / Elaine Bresnick (captain)—in memory of Marty Bresnick and David Adler / Jen Levine-Fried & Matt Fried

**JAN 26** Erev Shabbat Shira Dinner and Service: Sandy Goodman (captain) & Sue Weil / Amy Mazur—in memory of Rhoda & Marvin Mazur / Esther Kohn—in memory of S. Joshua and Priva Kohn

**JAN 27** Shabbat Morning Service: Jeff Kichen (captain) / Lisa Samelson & Paul Hattis / Mark Bronstein

**JAN 30** Tu B'shevat Seder: Stacey Chacker (captain) / Abby Cohen & Stuart Snyder / Stephen Gomperts

**FEB 3** Shabbat Morning Service: Janice Cole (captain) / Lauren Gibbs—in memory of Mara Gibbs / Sue Lanser—in memory of Mildred and Dave Sniader & Jo Radner—in memory of Mardi Newlon

If you have a major life cycle event or illness or injury, please contact **Rabbi Toba Spitzer** (confidentially) at [rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org](mailto:rabbi@dorsheitzedek.org) or call 617-965-0330. Rabbi Toba is available to talk about any spiritual, religious, or personal issues that you might want to discuss. She does not check email or voicemail on Shabbat (Friday evening through Saturday evening) or on Mondays (her day off). For congregants experiencing financial difficulties, help is available through the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund. This fund is completely confidential.

## REFUAH SH'LEYMAH

We send blessings for complete healing to **DB Reiff, Susan Moser, Dan Karp, Jaime Wurzel, and Scott Gordon**.

## CONDOLENCES

To **Sandy Goodman** and **Sue Weil**, on the death of Sandy's father, Burt Goodman. May his memory be for a blessing.

To **Rob Saper** and to **Ruth Paris**, and **Shoshi, Maya, and Dalia**, on the death of Rob's mother, Eileen Saper. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Jyl Lynn Felman** and **Lynne Brandon**, on the death of Jyl's sister, Judith Elaine Felman. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Steffi Aronson Karp** and to **Eric, Josh, Dan, and Adam Karp**, on the death of Steffi's mother, Lenore Aronson. May her memory be for a blessing.

To **Meg Wilcox** and to **Bob Warren**, and **Sophia and Liam**, on the death of Meg's mother, Evelyn Wilcox. May her memory be for a blessing.

## Yahrzeit

We remember CDT member **Marty Bresnick**, whose 17th yahrzeit falls this year on January 26. We will be remembering Marty at Shabbat morning services on January 20.

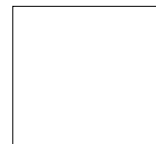
## MOURNING AT CDT

As a reference, CDT members have created the brochure "Finding Comfort, Giving Support: A Guide to Mourning at Congregation Dorshei Tzedek," available on the resource table in our sanctuary and on our website at: [www.dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf](http://www.dorsheitzedek.org/sites/default/files/managed/mourning-2010.pdf).



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## CDT Chanukah 2017 / 5778



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